GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
FINANCE
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UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1506
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Import Duty on Titanium Dioxide
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Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has recently revised the import duty on Titanium Dioxide Pigments;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has received any representations to enhance the import duty of TDP;

(d) if so, the details thereof along with the action taken by the Government thereon; and

(e) the details of the TDP imports taken place during each of the last three years and the current year, year and country-wise?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE
(SHRI JAYANT SINHA)
(a): No, Sir.

(b): Does not arise in view of reply to (a) above.

(c) & (d) : Pre-Budget representations were received from inter alia the Government of Kerala and certain VIP's to increase the Basic Custom Duty on Rutile Grade Titanium Dioxide Pigment from 10% to 50%. These were examined during the Budget 2016-17 exercise and the request was not acceded to.

(e): The imports of Titanium Dioxide falling under tariff item 2823 00 10 and certain pigments and preparations of Titanium Dioxide (falling under 3206 11 and 3206 19 00) during the last three years and the current financial year (upto December 2015) are as under:
(All figures in Metric Tonnes)
Sub-heading/Tariff line F.Y.
2012-13 F.Y. 2013-14 F.Y.
2014-15 F.Y. 2015-16
(upto December, 2015)
2823 00 10 17, 825 16, 875 17, 574 12, 506
3206 11 118, 186 115, 265 120, 785 97, 512
3206 19 00 19, 181 48, 551 61, 445 53, 206

Further, the details of imports of Titanium Dioxide (falling under tariff item 2823 00 10) and certain pigments and preparations of Titanium Dioxide (falling under 3206 11 and

3206 19 00) during the last three years and the current financial year, from top three major importing countries are as under:

(All figures in Metric Tonnes)
Tariff line
Country F.Y.
2012-13 F.Y.
2013-14 F.Y.
2014-15 F.Y.
2015-16
(upto December, 2015)
2823 00 10 China PR 4, 612 4, 968 4, 785 4, 873
2823 00 10 Korea RP 2, 500 2, 898 4, 481 2, 040
2823 00 10 Germany 2, 295 2, 384 1, 769 1, 840

(All figures in Metric Tonnes)
Sub heading
Country F.Y. 2012-13 F.Y. 2013-14 F.Y. 2014-15 F.Y. 2015-16
(upto December, 2015)
3206 11 China PR 24, 460 35, 534 51, 636 44, 414

3206 11 USA 20, 804 16, 478 11, 900 17, 142
3206 11 Malaysia 6, 150 6, 238 7, 728 6, 516

(All figures in Metric Tonnes)
Tariff line
Country F.Y. 2012-13 F.Y. 2013-14 F.Y. 2014-15 F.Y. 2015-16
(upto December, 2015-16)
3206 19 00 Taiwan 6, 163 20, 640 20, 060 14, 460
3206 19 00 Australia 1, 095 9, 048 13, 392 10, 500
3206 19 00 USA 6, 059 6, 407 9, 138 8, 303
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